

**To:** Michelle DePass/DC/USEPA/US@EPA[]  
**From:** Aileen Lee  
**Sent:** Wed 10/13/2010 11:00:56 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting request from members of the Environmental Grantmakers Association  
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Hi Michelle –

I'm sorry you weren't able to join us in Asilomar.

FYI – just wanted to give you a heads up about a letter that went from a number of the EGA funders to Lisa Jackson this morning. Let me know if you need to discuss

Best,  
Aileen

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From: Michael Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 8:10 AM  
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Subject: Meeting request from members of the Environmental Grantmakers Association

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October 13, 2010

Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Thank you for sending videotaped remarks to the members of the Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA). In your remarks, you mentioned an interest in finding areas for partnership between members of EGA and the EPA. Representatives from a group of foundations had hoped to meet with you during your originally-scheduled visit to EGA to discuss one possible area for such a partnership. Given that we were unable to meet with you at EGA, I am writing to request an in-person meeting in Washington DC.

The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss a series of social and environmental issues surrounding a suite of proposed large-scale mines in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska. Each of our foundations has funded organizations in the Bristol Bay region for a wide variety of reasons. Despite having a diverse set of interests and grantees, we have all come to the same conclusion:

The decisions made about mining in Bristol Bay in the near future will have profound consequences for the region's environment, the health of local communities, and the economy for millennia. The EPA is in a unique position to objectively ask whether these consequences are acceptable.

If possible, we would like to discuss how we came to this conclusion and how our foundations are involved. In addition, we would like to explore whether our organizations can help the EPA as you and your staff decide whether or not to intervene in Bristol Bay.

Each of us regularly travels to Washington DC and we are willing to plan our travel around openings in your calendar. Ideally, we would like to meet during this calendar year. To that end, the only dates that would be especially problematic are November 3-16. If you could spare some time on any other day, we will be happy to arrange our calendars accordingly.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of:

Hans Cole, Environmental Grants Manager, Patagonia  
Anisa Kamadoli Costa, President, Tiffany & Co. Foundation  
John Daly, Wilderness Program Officer, Campion Foundation  
Lisa Jaguzny, Executive Director, Campion Foundation  
Luke Newton, Program Officer, Common Counsel Foundation  
Ann Rothe, Deputy Director, Alaska Conservation Foundation  
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